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U.S. Embassy Athens, Greece

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U.S. Embassy Athens and U.S. Consulate General Thessaloniki wish to inform American citizens of the potential for demonstrations on the upcoming anniversary of the death of a teen-aged boy who was killed in an encounter with police on December 6, 2008. In the wake of the death, extended violent and destructive protests occurred throughout Greece, especially in central Athens and Thessaloniki.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. In the past, some demonstrations have included violence and destruction of property, and riot control procedures have included the use of tear gas. Americans are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations, to exercise extreme caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations, and depart the area as quickly and unobtrusively as possible.

For up-to-date information regarding Embassy or Consulate General closures, please visit the [Embassy's website](#) or the [Consulate General's website](#). In case of an emergency when the Embassy or Consulate General is closed, an American in Greece can call (210) 729-4444 or (210) 729-4301, and ask to speak to a consular officer.

American citizens in Greece should also monitor the local news, and for the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the [Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), where the current Worldwide Cautions, Travel Alerts, and Travel Warnings can be found. American citizens may also obtain up-to-date information on security conditions overseas by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or Canada, and 1-202-501-4444 from overseas. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). American citizens living or traveling abroad are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration website](#).

For up-to-date information on current security conditions, Americans may also contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens or Consulate General in Thessaloniki at the numbers below. Please pass this information on to other Americans.

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